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SUBJ: FRENCH PROPOSAL TO MODIFY IMCO CHARTER

SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AND SHIPPING AFFAIRS FOR U.S. VIEWS CONCERNING FRENCH REFORM PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED AT OCTOBER 1974 IMCO MEETING. END SUMMARY

ACTION REQUIRED: DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR REPLY TO GOP QUERY EARLIEST.

1. ON JUNE 14, 1974 P.A. KOURUKLIS, DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AND SHIPPING AFFAIRS OF THE FINANCE MINISTRY PROVIDED EMBASSY COPY OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM FRENCH EMBASSY TO THE GOP REQUESTING SUPPORT IN THE OCTOBER 1974 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLYOF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO) AND REQUESTED U.S. VIEWS CONCERNING GOF'S PROPOSED REFORMS TO THE CONSTITUTIVE CONVENTION OF IMCO. NOTE STATES THAT PROPOSED REFORMS WERE DEPOSITED AT THE FEBRUARY 1974 MEETING IN LONDON OF THE WORKING GROUP OF 37 STATES AND WERE ALSO PROVIDED TO SECRETARY GENERAL OF IMCO SVIRASTAVA FOR COMMUNICATION TO THE MEMBER STATES.

2. THE SIX MODIFICATIONS BEING PROPOSED ARE: (1) TO CONFIDENTIAL

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INCREASE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL; (2) TO STRENGHTHEN

POWERS OF THE COUNCIL; (3) TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THE JURIDICAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT; (4) TO PLACE THE THREE COMMITTEES ON AN EQUAL BASE; (5) TO ALIGN THE COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT UPON THE STRUCTURE OF THE COMMITTEES; AND (6) TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR AMENDMENT OF THE CONVENTION.

- 3. ECOMFOFF ASSURED KOURUKLIS THAT EMBASSY WOULD REPLY TO THIS REQUEST WITHIN A FEW DAYS. THEREFORE, DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO CABLE GUIDANCE FOR REPLY EARLIEST.
- 4. COMMENT: GOP DOES NOT CUSTOMARILY SEEK US VIESS ON MATTERS AFFECTING A THIRD COUNTRY WHERE US INTERESTS MAY ALSO BE INVOLVED. FOR THIS REASON, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO BE IN POSITION TO RESPOND TO GOP (FINANCE MINISTRY) ON TIMELY BASIS.

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